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### March 13, 2018

Our library's collections are continually evolving. New materials and resources are being added daily in a variety of formats. Services to enhance collection access are under constant improvement, and the information landscape continues to grow. To help people be aware of and involved in our collection development efforts we are creating a collections-focused newsletter. In this publication, you can learn about the ongoing development of our collection, peruse newly added titles, find links to unique electronic resources and other collection highlights, gain insights from collection data, and more. Depending upon its reception and usefulness, our plan is to produce this report quarterly.

We look forward your thoughts, feedback, and suggestions.

### Update on the Collection Management Project

On Tuesday, February 27th, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Harmon Room, Library Director Terri Fishel and Assistant Library Director Katy Gabrio met with interested faculty members to discuss our Collection Management project. Prior to the meeting, we had received a list of questions from faculty regarding our collection and plans for the future. A response to those questions may be [found in this document](#) along with a summary of the questions and comments we heard during our meeting. We agreed to have a follow up meeting for further discussion on Thursday, March 22 at 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. in room 206 in the library.

### Historical Background: Collection Management Project

The Collection Management Project was first announced in the fall of 2013. A description of the project and a link to our Vision 2020 document were provided in the [Moodlegroups site](#) set up to share lists of

- The goal is a vibrant collection that supports current curricular and

meeting:

- [April 23, 2013](#)
- [October 29, 2013](#)
- [March 4, 2014](#)
- [April 8, 2015](#)
- [November 19, 2015](#)
- [March 29, 2016](#)

At our November 30, 2017 Library Advisory meeting we shared an update on the plan moving forward. These minutes haven't been posted yet, as they need to be approved by the committee when it meets in April. At the meeting we shared:

- We are moving forward with continuing to refresh the collection in an ongoing way.

- We have refreshed our collections data with a company called Sustainable Collections. We are reviewing a new set of titles published between 1993-1998. Titles under review have not been checked out in at least 15 years (as far back as our data goes), are owned by at least 3 libraries in Minnesota, and are owned by at least 100 libraries in the United States. Approximately 6,500 books meeting all of these criteria will be shared with faculty for review.
- The request was made to share info if anything changes regarding this plan or goals.

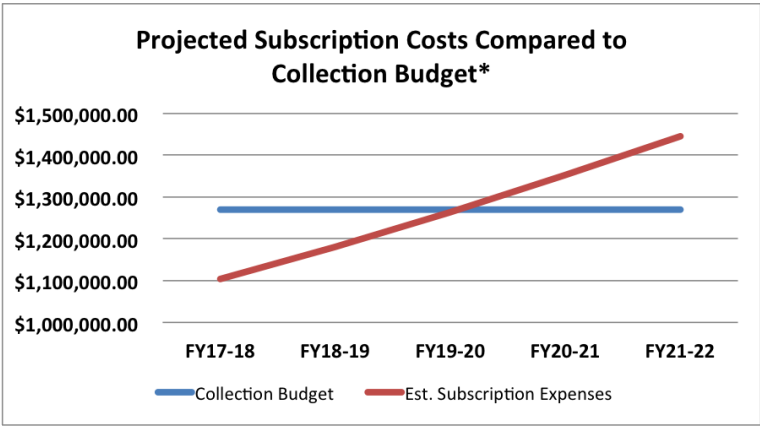
At our meeting on March 22, 2018 we will discuss our rationale for maintaining a steady-state for the collection.

New Collection Policy Reminder

This year we are piloting a new approach to selecting materials for the collection. We encourage all faculty to select materials without the added pressure of trying to spend a particular dollar amount. Please check-in with your departmental [Library Rep](#) about specific ordering workflows within your department. We are always happy to provide training in the use of our online ordering tool OASIS.



Data: Serials Expenses



Fiscal Year	Collection Budget	Est. Subscription Expenses	% of collection budget for subscriptions	
2017-18	\$1,270,000.00	\$1,103,492.63	86.89%	
2018-19	\$1,270,000.00	\$1,180,737.11	92.97%	
2019-20	\$1,270,000.00	\$1,263,388.71	99.48%	
2019-20	\$1,270,000.00	\$1,351,825.92	106.44%	

books, media, and subscriptions), has seen minimal to no increase over the last several years. The chart above illustrates the point at which we estimate our entire collection budget would be spent on subscriptions alone if we don't review and reduce our subscriptions every year.

\* Projected subscription expenses based on a prediction of 7% increase in subscription costs. Average annual subscription increase is 7-10%. Costs vary based on whether US or foreign publication as well as by discipline.

## Collection Highlight: Historical Periodicals from the American Antiquarian Society

We provide access to several databases that are part of ELM (Electronic Library for Minnesota), which is sponsored by Minitex and provides us with online access to a wide variety of information resources covering topics in current events, politics, arts and humanities, social sciences, and sciences. The sources include journal, newspaper, and magazine articles as well as eBooks.

From Minitex: "Minitex recently acquired access to a trove of historic periodicals collected by The American Antiquarian Society and made available in partnership with EBSCO. The American Antiquarian Society (AAS) Historical Periodicals Collections include digitized images of the pages of American magazines and journals held by American Antiquarian Society, the premier library documenting the life of America's people from the Colonial Era through the Civil War and Reconstruction. The American Antiquarian Society (AAS) Historical Periodicals Collections exists as a series of five databases created from a comprehensive collection of American periodicals published between 1691 and 1876. These databases include 6,500 titles featuring more than 10 million pages of content from the seventeenth century through the late nineteenth century. The collection also contains titles in more than two dozen languages including French, German, Norwegian, Spanish, and more."

To access these primary resources, look for American Antiquarian Society in [our list of databases](#).

## Collection Highlight: HathiTrust

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[HathiTrust Digital Library](#) provides access to digitized collections from around the world, including fulltext books, primary documents, and images.

It includes:

- 16,168,569 total volumes.
- 7,903,667 book titles.
- the [English Short Title Catalog](#) of over 10,000 items published between 1473

- over 1,000 [Islamic manuscripts](#) digitized by the University of Michigan.
- the [Women Composers Collection](#) of 19th and 20th centuries.
- [Patents](#) including patent indexes from Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents from 1842-1921 and Index of patents issued from the United States Patent Office from 1920-1974.
- and more.

All of the titles located in HathiTrust are discoverable in [Worldcat Discovery](#). However, going directly to the HathiTrust collection allows you to search within the fulltext of the resources.

You can search the wealth of content in this digitized collection without logging in, but to take full advantage of the resources, including downloading, creating collections, and more, use your Macalester log in and password.

This is just one of the resources that we are providing to expand your access to collections.

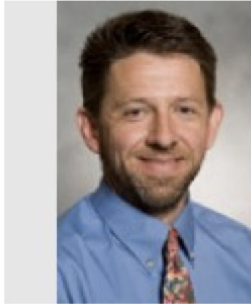
Dates to Remember

- March 22, 11:30-1:00 follow-up conversation on collections, Library 206
  - Next Library Advisory Committee meeting, April 19, 2018, 11:30-1:00
- First deadline for collection review, April 2 ([view all title lists and deadlines](#))
  - Spring Serials Review, mid-April (Lib Reps should watch their email inbox for review instructions)

Recently Added Titles

Take a look at our [New Titles Recently Added to Our Collection](#) page or stop by the library to see the books in person.





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